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1. AS NOTED IN POSITION PAPER ON " ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS" (AGENDA ITEM 6), WE WOULD PREFER THAT ECLA DEFER ITS CONSIDERATION OF THIS SUBJECT UNTIL GOVERNMENTS AND HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION HAVE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO EXAMINE SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR' S STUDY (CITED PARA. 12 REFTTEL). USDEL SHOULD POINT OUT THAT ACTION ON SUBJECT MATTER OF REPORT SHOULD PROPERLY AWAIT CONSIDERATION OF REPORT ITSELF.

2. WE ANTICIPATE, HOWEVER, THAT SUBJECT WILL BE POPULAR
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ONE AND THAT COMMISSION MEMBERS WILL RESIST ATTEMPTS AT POSTPONEMENT. IF RES IS DISCUSSED AND BROUGHT TO VOTE, USDEL SHOULD BE GUIDED BY FOLLOWING.

3. GENERAL COMMENTS. ALTHOUGH WE ARE NOT ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT ECUADORIAN RES, WHICH STRIKES US AS VAGUE AND BADLY WORDED, WE HAVE NO MAJOR OBJECTIONS TO IT. THUS, WHILE USDEL SHOULD ATTEMPT TO REVISE RES TO REFLECT OUR SPECIFIC CONCERNS (SEE BELOW), DELEGATION MAY, IF NECESSARY, NOTE OUR RESERVATIONS AND VOTE FOR RES IN ITS PRESENT FORM, SUBJECT TO THESE RESERVATIONS.

4. PARA 2. ALTHOUGH US HAS NOT SIGNED INTERNATIONAL COVENANTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS, WE FIND THIS PARA ACCEPTABLE, SINCE IN US VIEW AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON THIS SORT OF LANGUAGE DOES NOT REPEAT NOT INDICATE ANY POSITION ON SUBSTANCE OF COVENANTS BUT IS INSTEAD ONLY A REQUEST THAT GOVERNMENTS CONSIDER COVENANTS FROM POINT OF VIEW OF POSSIBLE RATIFICATION. DELEGATION SHOULD MAKE CLEAR OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THIS PARA.

5. PARA 6. AS NOTED ABOVE, ENTIRE RES BADLY WORDED, BUT WE FIND THIS PARA. ESPECIALLY CONFUSING. USDEL SHOULD SUGGEST REVISION ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: " URGES THAT COUNTRIES DEVELOP AND USE THEIR NATURAL RESOURCES AND PRODUCTION IN SUCH A WAY AS TO FURTHER THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS OF THEIR CITIZENS."

6. PARA. 7. USDEL SHOULD POINT OUT THAT THIS PARA. EXPRESSES ONE PROMINENT LATIN AMERICAN POINT OF VIEW AND SHOULD SUGGEST THAT LANGUAGE OF PARA. BE REVISED TO REFLECT THIS (E. G., " RECOGNIZES THAT IN THE VIEW OF MANY LATIN AMERICAN STATES THE HIGHLY INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS SHOULD ...") IN ANY SEPARATE VOTE ON PRESENT WORDING OF PARA. 7, USDEL SHOULD VOTE NO.

7. PARAS. 8 AND 11. USDEL SHOULD POINT OUT THAT RECOMMENDATIONS IN THESE PARAS. APPROPRIATE TO SOME BUT NOT ALL STATES. ROGERS

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